

protocol and coordination for dignitaries visiting the wing. She developed and executed itineraries compatible with the scope of the visit, to include social events, ceremonies, briefings, lodging, transportation, courtesy and office calls, and tours. She planned and supervised countless renderings of honors, awards, promotions, retirements, change of command ceremonies, dining outs, airshows, intra-service competitions, parades, and other recognitions.

As chief of public relations, Ms. Smith-Tallan planned, organized and directed the activities of the 92nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs office to provide installation-level multimedia activities composed of media, community relations, photography and videography. She developed the community relations program and ran the Honorary Commanders and Eagles program to ensure continual outreach of installation commanders with civic leaders. Ms. Smith-Tallan also served as the wing foreign disclosure officer.

Ms. Smith-Tallan consistently goes above and beyond, as exemplified by her multiple Civilian of the Year and Civilian of the Quarter awards, an Exemplary Civilian Service Award, and many more awards she received while serving on Active Duty. Her record of achievement would not have been possible without the love and support of her husband, Robert "Bob" Tallan. We thank her family for sharing her with us. Mr. President, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Ms. Smith-Tallan on her 38 years of outstanding service. For her commitment to the people of Fairchild Air Force Base and the greater Spokane area, she is worthy of the highest praise.●

RECOGNIZING BEST BATH SYSTEMS

● Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, too often we think of business owners as only being concerned with profit. However, countless enterprises have been started based on an idea or a goal to solve a problem or to improve peoples' lives, and often times this is inspired by a need of someone close. It is a privilege to recognize such a company, Idaho's own Best Bath Systems, Inc.

Gary Multanen founded Best Bath Systems in 1971 with the goal of designing and producing baths and showers to help those with special needs. Mr. Multanen was especially motivated to find a solution to his mother's difficulty in using conventional tubs. Over the years, Best Bath Systems has created improvements for nearly every conceivable part of a shower or tub, and has been a leader for walk-in tub design.

It is one thing to tout Mr. Multanen as being an innovator, but the real proof is in the demand from bath product sellers across the country. With \$20 million in sales last year to a network of 490 dealers across North America,

Best Bath Systems has clearly earned a reputation for quality. In addition to making bath products that help people meet their basic needs, Best Bath Systems also does well by their employees, providing a profit-sharing program.

The Small Business Administration recognized Best Bath Systems' impressive track record and named Mr. Multanen and his family the 2014 Idaho Small Business Person of the Year and is sharing their accomplishments at the National Small Business Week events being held this week in Washington. This award celebrates their continued sales growth, superior customer service, and commitment to their community.

Best Bath Systems has been an active fixture in the Caldwell and Boise communities for a long time with Mr. Multanen serving on the boards of Boise City Parks & Recreation and the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council. In addition, since 2000, Best Bath Systems has a built robust relationship with the Idaho Small Business Development Center, SBDC, where Mr. Multanen currently serves as the chairman of the advisory council and uses his business' success story with the SBDC to motivate other Idaho entrepreneurs. Concern for the environment is also part of Best Bath Systems' community commitment. Best Bath Systems' 106,000 square foot facility in Caldwell, ID uses just 28 percent of their Federal emissions allowance, and they have promoted similar standards for the industry through their trade association, which Mr. Multanen co-founded.

I wish to congratulate Mr. Multanen on being named the 2014 Idaho Small Business Person of the Year and everyone at Best Bath Systems for their 43 years of sales, innovation, and bettering the quality of life for many.●

HALEKULANI'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SCHATZ. Mr. President, Halekulani is a globally acclaimed luxury resort on Waikiki beach, and it is synonymous with the gracious hospitality of Hawaii. This hotel traces its roots back over 100 years, when ancient Hawaiian fishermen named this beachfront area Halekulani, which means "house befitting heaven."

Since its humble beginnings as a collection of guest bungalows in 1917, Halekulani has provided the highest standards of excellence and personalized service, while practicing the aloha spirit of Hawaii.

Through the years, Halekulani has hosted celebrated authors, poets, entertainers, dignitaries, and guests from around the globe, all the while providing an "oasis of tranquility" in the heart of Waikiki.

This year, Halekulani will celebrate its 30th year since reopening in 1984 following a property-wide renovation.

Halekulani continues to build upon its legacy and rich tradition of gra-

cious hospitality and sets a high standard for luxury destination resorts in Waikiki. Today, it remains one of the most acclaimed independent luxury hotels in the world, with an international reputation for its award-winning service.

Over the past 30 years, Halekulani has provided unique guest experiences through its support of local culture and the arts institutions in Honolulu, including the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra, the Honolulu Museum of Art, the Bishop Museum, and the Hawaii International Film Festival, offering its international guests special access to some of Honolulu's finest arts and cultural attractions. In addition, through Halekulani's dedicated support of education and humanities causes in the local community, Halekulani has established itself as a dedicated and responsible corporate citizen of Hawaii.

I congratulate Halekulani on its 30th anniversary and for its continued commitment to offering the highest quality of hospitality. Halekulani has helped make Hawaii one of the best leisure and business destinations in the world.●

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5730. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List" (RIN0694-AG12) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 6, 2014; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5731. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Revisions to UAC Rule 401—Permit: New and Modified Sources" (FRL No. 9756-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5732. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Loan Guaranty: Ability-to-Repay Standards and Qualified Mortgage Definition under the Truth in Lending Act" (RIN2900-AO65) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 9, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-5733. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency posed by the situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-5734. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of